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TO: The Director, Defense Research and Engineering
FROM: The Assistant Director, Defense Research and Engineering (AD)

Problem: This office requested the Air Force to submit a revised development plan for the Satellite Inspector (SAINT) program, prior to DDR&E granting program approval. The revised development plan was submitted and DDR&E must now respond.

Discussion: It was deemed advisable by ADDR&E to reduce the scope of the SAINT program to include initially only the demonstration of a satellite rendezvous capability. In a memorandum to the ASAF(R&D) (Tab A), the Air Force was requested to present a development plan for such a program. The ASAF(R&D) submitted the requested development plan as an inclosure to Tab B. The plan was reviewed, and the matter was discussed formally with people from the Air Force, and informally with representatives of RCA and Space Technology Laboratories. As a result of this review, the attached reply to the Air Force (Tab C) was prepared. The reply would:

- a. Express ADDR&E concern that four scheduled launches may not be sufficient.
- b. Emphasize that the Air Force must be prepared to increase the number of launches and the program funding, if necessary.
- c. Approve the plan presented, with the proviso that any substantial increase in the program would be presented to DDR&E for approval.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached memorandum (Tab C).

Concurrence: None required.

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